

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 94-005

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDIT FOR
SPECIALTY BOARD CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION,
MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND BOARD VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Specialty Board Certification and Recertification

Becoming board certified or recertified by a specialty board accredited by the American Board of Medical Specialties or American Osteopathic Board will be deemed the equivalent of 60 credits in Category 1, including four credits in Category 1 risk management. These credits will apply to the license renewal cycle in which the licensee receives notification from the specialty board of successful passage of the examination.

Volunteers for the Board and Board Members

Each hour of work performed for the Board of Registration in Medicine as a Board member or a volunteer for the Board, with a maximum of 20 hours for each two year renewal cycle, will be deemed the equivalent of one hour of Category 1 CME credit. A licensee may apply four of these credits to fulfill his Category 1 risk management requirement. The licensee must obtain a certification of such service signed by the Executive Director as documentation of this credit, except that Board members are exempt from this requirement.

Example: If you volunteer at the Board of Registration in Medicine for 18 hours over a two year period, you are eligible for 18 Category 1 credits. If you wish, you may apply four of these 18 toward your risk management Category 1 requirement and the other 14 toward your general Category 1 requirement. You will then have to obtain the remaining 22 Category 1 credits in the usual manner in order to fulfill the requirement.

Medical Examiners

Upon submission of documentation of active service as a medical examiner or of attendance at appropriate professional society meetings, such as those held by the Massachusetts Medicolegal Society, the Board will give credit to active medical examiners in the amount of four hours of required Category 1 risk management CMEs. Documentation must be submitted to and approved by the Licensing Committee.

Boards of Public Health

Upon submission of documentation of active service as a member of a state, local or municipal board of health (“health boards”), the Board will give credit to active members of health boards in the amount of four hours of required Category 1 risk management CMEs. Documentation must be submitted to and approved by the Licensing Committee.